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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
RUEDIGER SENS, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP04/09223)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE :
MODIFICATION OF A :
CHARACTERISTIC OF A SAMPLE :
CAUSED BY AN :
ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.